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No. 1692.—HIS MAJESTY THE KING-EMPEROR OF INDIA has been pleased to send the following letter to the Princes and peoples of India :—

"TO THE PRINCES AND PEOPLES OF INDIA,—The lamented, and unlooked for, death of my dearly loved father calls me to ascend the Throne that comes to me as the heir of a great and ancient line as King and Emperor. I greet the Princes, the Ruling Chiefs and all the other dwellers in my Indian dominions. I offer you my heartfelt thanks for the touching and abundant manifestation that this event has called forth from all the diverse races, classes and faiths in India, of loyalty to the Sovereign Crown and personal attachment to its wearers.

"Queen Victoria of revered memory addressed Her Indian subjects and the heads of Feudatory States when She assumed the direct Government in 1858, and Her august son, my father, of honoured and beloved name, commemorated the same most notable event in his Address to you fifty years later. These are the charters of the noble and benignant spirit of Imperial rule, and by that spirit, in all my time to come, I will faithfully abide

"By the wish of His late Majesty, and following His own example, I visited India five years ago accompanied by my Royal Consort. We became personally acquainted with great Kingdoms known to history, with monuments of a civilisation older than our own, with ancient customs and ways of life, with Native Rulers, with the peoples, the cities, towns and villages throughout those vast territories. Never can either the vivid impressions or the affectionate associations of that wonderful journey vanish or grow dim.

"Firmly I confide in your dutiful and active co-operation in the high and arduous tasks that lie before me, and I count upon your ready response to the earnest sympathy with the well-being of India that must ever be the inspiration of my rule."

(By order of the Governor General in Council.)

A. EARLE,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor in Council.)

W. S MEYER,
Chief Secretary.

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